to ease the financial stringency of the State Government ?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Government of Karnataka has submitted a Memorandum seeking Central assistance of atleast Rs. 200.00 crores for relief and rehablitation measures in the wake of floods in October, 1993.

(b) The expenditure on relief operations reported by the State Government exceeds the corpus of the State's Calamity Relief Fund.

(c) Government of India has released two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 10.125 crores for the years 1994-95 in advance to enable the State Government to undertake relief and rehablitation measures.

Amendment of Central Cooperative Act

1573. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is planning to amend the Central Cooperative Act to reduce its control over cooperative societies and ensure further democratisation of their activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government is committed to encouraging the cooperative movement to expand their activities in such a way as to be able to survive in the new competitive environment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to amend Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 in order to reduce control over Multi-State Cooperative Societies and to ensure autonomous functioning of such societies. The Act is being re-formulated on the lines of the recommendations of committee on, "Model Cooperatives Act". It is envisaged to reduce control in areas of : Supersession of Managing Committees; powers to issue directives; appointment of Chief Executives etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Financial Allocation for Promotion and Development of Oil Seeds

1574. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the financial allocation being made for the promotion and development of different oil seeds, with details of each category, during the last five years;

(b) whether coconut has been declared as on oil seed and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the special financial allocation being made for the promotion, development and research of coconut following it being declared as oil seed with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Central allocation for the different oil seeds programmes during last five years were :

Year	Name of Programme	Central Allocation (Rs. in Crore)
1988-89	NODP	16.50
	OPTP	36.00
1989-90	NODP	16.50
	OPTP	36.00
1990-91	OPP	54.00
1991-92	OPP	64.00
1992-93	OPP	73.00